GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2965
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SMUGGLING OF SANDALWOOD
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large-scale smuggling of important trees, particularly Sandalwood/Teak has been reported;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether a large consignment of red sandalwood being smuggled from the country was seized at Nepal-China border recently;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether some officials were also found to be involved in the said matter;

(g) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(h) whether the Ministry proposes to depute para military forces for protecting the forests in Naxal affected areas; and

(i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(h) There is no such proposal.

(i) Dose not arise.